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Response to Restriction Requirement and Amendment

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2001, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

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Please cancel claims 4-10, 12-14, 16, 18-21, 23, 24, and 27 without prejudice.

Please replace claims 3, 11, 17, 22, 25, and 32 as follows:

A1 3/ (amended) An isolated polypeptide which is from 111 to 136 amino acid residues in length and comprises a sequence of amino acid residues as shown in SEQ ID NO:2 from residue 235 to residue 345.

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